



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

July 22, 2008

Barbara L. Murphy
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of State History
300 South Rio Grande Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 237X) – Union Pacific Railroad
Company and Salt Lake City Corporation – Abandonment Exemption – in
Salt Lake City, Utah; **Notification of Adverse Effect**

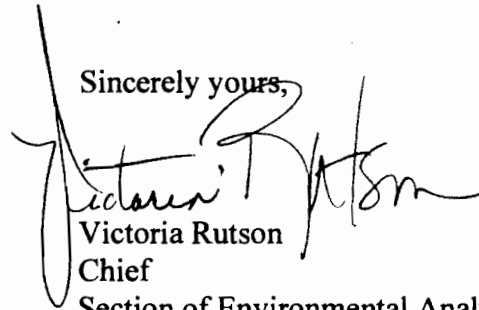
Dear Ms. Murphy:

The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is the office within the Surface Transportation Board (Board) responsible for conducting environmental reviews pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. As such, I am writing to notify you of our determination that the Board's approval of the rail road abandonment in our Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No.237X) would result in adverse effects to two historic properties eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register).

On February 13, 2006, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a petition for exemption with the Board to abandon 2.22 miles of rail line in the above referenced proceeding. In response to UP's notification to your office regarding this proposed abandonment, you indicated that two bridges within the area of the proposed abandonment were likely eligible for listing in the National Register because of their age (over 50 years old) and architectural integrity as specified in 36 CFR 60.4. We concur with your assessment and have further determined that the proposed abandonment would result in adverse effects to the National Register eligible bridges pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5 (a)(2)(vii). As a next step we will be developing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to stipulate the mitigation of such adverse effects. We will be in contact with you shortly regarding the development of the MOA.

If you need further information or have questions, please contact me or Diana Wood of my staff at (202) 245-0302.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Rutson', is written over the typed name.

Victoria Rutson

Chief

Section of Environmental Analysis

cc: D.J. Baxter, Salt Lake City Redevelopment Authority
Dan Harbecke, Union Pacific Railroad Company
Robert Opal, Union Pacific Railroad Company